

BIG GUESSING CONTEST.

WHO Will Be Elected President of the United States at the Com- ing Election? HOW MANY VOTES WILL HE GET?

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The thirteen people in this case will be the lucky ones.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST:

1. Each person who is a regular subscriber to the Daily West Virginian on July 6, is entitled to one guess. 2. Each person paying one dollar for a three months' subscription to the West Virginian beginning after July 6 will be entitled to one guess. 3. Any person paying in advance for one year will be entitled to four estimates, or for any part of a year in the same manner, each one dollar paid on subscription entitling the subscriber to a guess. 4. Any person securing two subscribers for three months and paying us two dollars, will be entitled to one guess, or additional guesses in the same proportion, one guess for each two dollars, sent in. The person securing the subscription will be entitled to guess and the persons subscribing will also be entitled to guesses.

TO AID IN MAKING THE ESTIMATE:

In 1892,

Grover Cleveland received 5,552,351 votes.

Benjamin Harrison received 5,176,336 votes.

In 1896,

William McKinley received 7,111,607 votes.

William J. Bryan received 6,509,052 votes.

In 1900,

William McKinley received 7,263,266 votes.

William J. Bryan received 6,415,387 votes.

The guess or guesses of each individual will be kept secret. Who will be the first to record his guess? Remember it begins on Wednesday, July 6. Some one will get first prize, why not you?

AFTER DEFEAT IN THE NATIONAL CONTESTS

How It Feels to Be Beaten For the
Presidency — Cleveland Went
Fishing, Hancock Resumed
His Sleep and Butler Was
Still Belligerent.

The question has often been asked, How does it feel to make a contest for the Presidency and then miss it—sometimes by the slenderest of margins? Only one set of candidates now before the people can be elected in November; the others must be defeated. How will the vanquished accept their defeat?

In many instances our Presidents have tasted both the bitter and sweet of politics. They have known what it was to go down in defeat, and they have also experienced the emotion of victory. This was the case with John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, Gen. Benjamin Harrison and Grover Cleveland, says the New York "Sun."

These men seemed to accept both victory and defeat with philosophy. In other countries an unsuccessful dash for a throne is frequently followed by tragic consequences. Here it is accepted as a regular occurrence once in every four years.

It was Henry Clay who said that he would rather be right than President. His unsuccessful attempts to achieve his dearest ambition are known to every American.

After his defeat by Andrew Jackson he felt very bitter and did not attempt to conceal his feelings. From that day until the hour of his death the possibility of reaching the Presidency at some time never entirely deserted him, and even after his defeat by Polk in 1844, he made a hard fight against Taylor in 1848—his last great political battle.

Those who follow the fortunes of Presidential candidates are sometimes consumed with greater energy and feeling than their chiefs. At the time that Jackson was chosen for the Presidency Mr. Scott, who was then the sole representative of Missouri in the lower house of Congress, elected to cast his vote for John Quincy Adams. Senator Benton, who was a violent partisan of "Old Hickory," denounced the act of Mr. Scott as a grave crime, and in the course of a letter said to the offender:

"For nine years we have been closely connected in our political course. At length the connection is dissolved, and dissolved under circumstances which must mean our everlasting separation. To-morrow is the day of your self-immolation. If you have an enemy, he may go and feed his eyes on the scene. Your former friends will shun the affecting spectacle."

Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock was one of the defeated Presidential candidates who accepted the result with great calmness. His wife reported that at 7 o'clock on the evening of the election he yielded to extreme weariness, after five months of hard campaigning, and went to bed, begging her not to disturb him, as the news of the result could wait till the next morning.

At daylight he awoke and, turning to his wife, asked for the news. She steered herself up to the ordeal, and said, as quietly as possible:

"It has been a complete Waterloo for you."

"That is all right," he answered. "I can stand it."

And in another moment he was asleep again. The only disappointment he gave expression to was concerning the difference his defeat would make in the future to many of his friends. He attended the inauguration of his competitor, and, writing to a friend on the eve of his departure for the National capital, he said:

"Yes, I am going to Washington on the 3d of March for a few days. Gen. Sherman, my commanding officer, has asked me to be present. I have no right to any personal feeling in the matter. It is clearly my duty as a soldier to obey."

After some reference to other matters, he adds:

"What I can do in Washington with dignity I will do. I do not expect to be in advance of, or follow, the triumphal car, either on foot or on horseback. I only expect to do my level best. I wonder how they did these things in Rome? When I return from Washington I can tell you how the American people do it under the new census. Fifty millions of people have a way of their own, you know."

Very few men came nearer the Presidency without obtaining the coveted prize than James G. Blaine, and yet he managed to accept his fate with better grace than Henry Clay, that other idol of his party.

It was in the convention of 1876 that Ingersoll made his famous "Plumed Knight" speech; but in spite of that outburst of oratory Hayes was the successful man. Before the decisive vote had been fully counted Blaine was writing a letter of congratulation to Hayes and assuring him that Maine would give him as big a majority as it would have given himself.

When Blaine did receive the nomination he was confident of election.

His defeat must have been a severe disappointment; but if it was, he controlled his feelings very successfully. The day following the election William Walter Phelps sent him a letter of condolence, ending with: "Are you fairly well?"

Blaine answered: "Never better in my life."

Writing to Mr. Phelps afterward, he said: "Our special misfortune was the loss of New Jersey and Connecticut. I class them both as easily preventable accidents. I was not sustained in the canvass by many who had personally a far greater stake than I. They are likely to have leisure for reflection."

"If the country is lost it will be some satisfaction to realize that the class which permitted it to be sacrificed will feel the result most keenly. But I fear you will think me ill-natured if I keep on. I am not, and feel as placid as a summer's day."

"Personally I care less than my nearest friends would believe, but for the cause and my friends I profoundly deplore the result."

Probably the most tragic episode in the history of Presidential elections was the candidacy of Horace Greeley, followed by the breaking down of his robust body and mind, and by his death.

Quite different was the effect of defeat upon Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, who might be termed the free lance candidate for the Presidency. He appealed to the adherents of the Labor and Greenback party, and when the votes were counted and it was found that he had been followed by a very small minority, he was as cheerful and happy as it was possible for ever a successful candidate to be.

He insisted at that time and even up to the time of his death, that Mr. Cleveland was not legally elected. He contended that there were enough votes cast for him several times over in New York State to have prevented Mr. Cleveland's election, but that in many of the polling places they were not counted for him, but for Cleveland. He said once:

"I intended to have an investigation made with the aid of John Kelly, who was then the Tammany boss, and who was opposed to Mr. Cleveland but after the election Mr. Kelly took sick and remained bedfast so long that I finally abandoned the idea of a contest."

No one ever knew just how Samuel J. Tilden felt over the result of the contest in 1876. He was a bachelor and quite reserved in his personal habits, and his inmost thoughts and feelings were known to very few men.

He was practically a recluse after the election and retired to his apartments and was extremely cautious in all that he said or did concerning the controversy of that time.

Gen. McClellan was a very much disappointed man when he learned of the results of his political campaign, but he was scarcely surprised at the result and had very little to say about it, even to his intimates.

Grover Cleveland received the announcement of the result in 1885 with a stolidity of countenance that amazed where it did not irritate his friends. They had gone into the campaign in the belief that it was a sure thing, and when the returns of the election were received they sustained a shock from which they did not recover for many days.

But Cleveland himself received the returns with a calmness that would have made the Sphinx look like a nervous and irritable pile of rocks. Before dusk of the day when the result was known he was calmly arranging his plans for one of his favorite fishing trips.

This apparent indifference of results was also true of Benjamin Harrison, who thought that he would be elected in 1892. He had given a good administration and times were fairly prosperous, but in spite of that fact he went down in defeat. He took the result like a stoic, and immediately began to make preparations for lecturing and for resuming his practice of the law.

William Jennings Bryan, while not showing the coldness and indifference of Cleveland and Harrison, received the news of his two defeats with a calmness which was a proof of the self-control of the man. He heard the news of the result of his first campaign at his home in Lincoln, Neb., with a smiling countenance, and if he felt any chagrin he did not show it to those who surrounded him. His successful competitor on each occasion had not been fairly inaugurated before the champion of the silver forces was laying out the plans for the contest four years from that time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned administrator of the estate of A. L. Eddy, deceased, of Marion county, West Virginia, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims or accounts against the estate of the said decedent, to present the same to me in the town of Amos, said county and State, for adjudication. All persons knowing themselves indebted to the said estate will please settle at same. D. O. HANES, Administrator.

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